A-Innovation

Project Idea

My project is a chatbot for students specifically arriving in Paris. The idea came to me because it’s something I wish I had when I arrived to Paris 2 years ago.

Features:

* Helps students with administrative questions (CAF, OFII, Navigo, housing, insurance…)
* Multilingual chatbot for international students
* Personalized answers depending on your background (EU vs non-EU, minor vs adult, French speaking vs non-French speaking)
* Generates a checklist for you

Why this idea is innovative:

At first glance, supporting students with administrative tasks may sound common. However, the innovation lies in the specificity of the target audience and the personalization:

* Existing resources often give general advice, are static and overwhelming
* There is no chatbot designed for students arriving in Paris that is this personalized and multilingual
* This tool directly addresses the pain points of international students: missing deadlines, lack of guidance, and navigating confusing procedures

This chatbot will ease integration and adaptation in the city of Paris by offering tailored, step-by-step help that currently does not exist.

Competitor Research:

* **Welcome2France (Gov site):** Official French platform for newcomers (housing, admin, visas) 🡪 Static website, no interactivity, no personalization.
* **Campus France:** Info hub for international students 🡪 Focused on study application, limited ongoing admin support.
* **Studapart / Lokaviz:** Student housing platforms 🡪 Only housing related ot general admin
* **Generic AI chatbots:** Can answer questions on admin topics if prompted🡪 Not localized, no built-in checklist or case-specific personalization

Conclusion and Grading Category:

After researching existing resources, it is clear that while general information platforms exist, none of them provide a dedicated chatbot with:

* Multilingual support
* Personalized checklists
* Tailored administrative guidance for Paris newcomers

For this reason, I consider my project to fall into the **Innovative** category.